Volume XII - E-Filing the I-821

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The purpose of this section is to highlight key aspects of the I-821 E-Filing module for prospective applicants who wish to E-File an Application for Temporary Protected Status (Form I-821). The following screenshots provide a preview of the I-821 E-Filing Form and can be used as a reference to prepare for E-Filing the I-821 application.

In this document the following topics will be addressed:

- I-821 E-Filing Eligibility
- Parts of the I-821 E-Filed Application
- I-821 and Concurrent E-Filing
- Supporting Documentation for the I-821
- I-821 Mailing Addresses for Supporting Documentation

I-821 E-Filing Eligibility

E-Filing is not available for all applicants. There are a number of situations where you must continue to use the paper-based process in order to properly file your petition.

You are NOT eligible to E-File the I-821 if:

- If you live outside of the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands:
- You are re-registering for TPS after the re-registration period published in the Federal Register;
- You are applying for late initial;
- You are applying for a waiver of the filing fee; or
- You are requesting your case to be expedited.

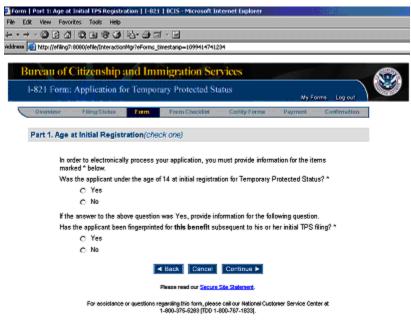
Parts of the I-821 E-Filed Application

In Part 1 of the I-821, you will be asked if you are applying for an initial, reregistration, or late initial/re-registration TPS application. You must select either initial registration or re-registration and provide an answer to the question regarding whether or not you're filing for late initial or late re-registration.

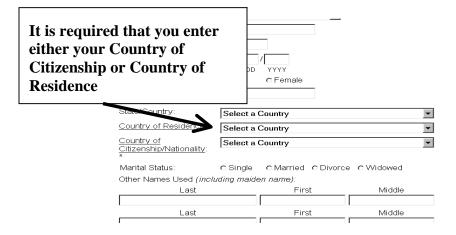
 At this time, initial applications and late initial/late re-registration applications are not available to be E-Filed. However, these TPS categories can be filed in paper through the mail according to USCIS procedures.



In Part 1, you will also be asked to answer questions regarding your age at the time of initial registration and whether or not you were fingerprinted for this initial TPS benefit.



In Part 2, you will be asked to provide personal information.



In Part 3, you will be asked to provide your spouse's and children's information, if applicable.

• If you are applying for TPS benefits for more than four children, input four of your children's information in the text boxes provided and use a sheet of paper to write down the information for your children not documented in the text boxes. You will send this in as part of your supporting documentation.

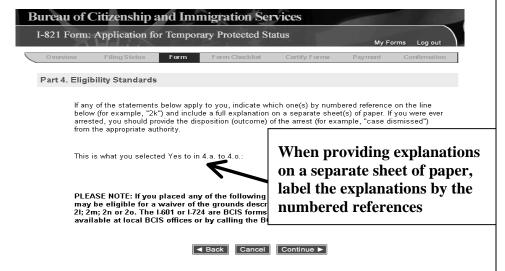
(Example – You have six children. Input four of your children's information in the E-Filing System and two of your children's information on a separate sheet of paper.)

In Part 4, you will be prompted to answer questions to determine if you qualify for TPS benefits.

- Select the TPS country for which you are applying
- Select "Yes" or "No" for all questions listed

art 4. Eligibility Standards In order to electronically process your application, you must provide information for the items marked * below 1. Fill in the necessary information: I am a national of, or an alien having no SIERRA LEONE-SIERR nationality who last habitually resided in the foreign state: * **Only TPS countries** and I entered the United States on: 02 /14 /2004 currently open for MM DD and I have resided in the United States since that time. re-registration will 2. To be eligible for Temporary Protected Status, you must be admis be listed in the States, with certain exceptions. Do any of the following apply to y a, have you been convicted of any felony or two or more misdemea drop down box committed in the United States; b. (i) have you ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the Yes No persecution of any person on account of race, religion, membership in a particular social group or political opinion; (ii) have you been convicted of a final judgement of a particularly serious O Yes No crime, constituting danger to the community of the United States (an alien convicted of an aggravated felony is considered to have committed a particularly serious crime); (iii) have you been convicted of a serious nonpolitcal crime outside of the O Yes No

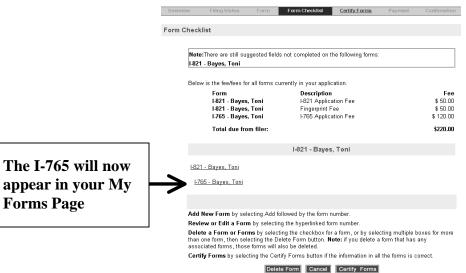
• If you answer "yes" to any of the Eligibility Standards questions in Part 4, you will be asked to provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper. You will send this explanation sheet as part of your supporting documentation.



I-821 and Concurrent E-Filing

- The I-821 must always be filed concurrently with an I-765. The E-Filing system will automatically generate an I-765 for completion after an I-821 is filled out.
- An I-131 cannot be concurrently E-Filed with an I-821 and its accompanying I-765. If you wish to E-File an I-131 application, you may do so as a stand-alone E-Filed application, once you have successfully submitted your I-821 and concurrently filed I-765 applications.
- If you choose not to receive an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), you are still required to concurrently E-File the I-765 but you will not be charged for the application fee.





Supporting Documentation for the I-821

Supporting documentation for the E-Filed I-821 is similar to that needed for the paper based I-821 application. Review I-821 paper form instructions to determine what copies of documents may need to be submitted.

Please note that for the E-Filed I-821:

- If you have requested an EAD, you will need to have your biometrics captured by USCIS.
- If you have not requested an EAD, you should submit hardcopy photos.
- If applicable, submit the Eligibility Standards explanation sheet.

I-821 Mailing Addresses for Supporting Documentation

You will find the mailing address for your supporting documentation on your Confirmation Receipt page.

If you received an error and/or were unable to save and/or print the PDF version of your petition and confirmation receipt notice, you will need to follow the procedures below:

- 1. Wait to receive the official receipt notice (Form I-797) in the mail;
- 2. Note the receipt number on the I-797; and
- 3. Mail the supporting documentation to the appropriate address below, if the petition is a non-premium processing case.
 - o Include a cover letter referencing your receipt number and clearly state that the supporting documentation is for an E-Filed application.

IF	THEN
Your petition receipt number begins with "WAC"	Send supporting documentation to:
	California Service Center
	ATTN: E-Filing TPS
	P.O. Box 10821
	Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0821
Your petition receipt number begins with "LIN"	Send supporting documentation to:
	Nebraska Service Center
	ATTN: E-Filed I-821
	P.O. Box 87373
	Lincoln, NE 68501-7373
Your petition receipt number begins with "SRC"	Send supporting documentation to:
	Texas Service Center
	ATTN: E-Filed I-821
	P.O. Pox 852381
	Mesquite, TX 75185-2381
Your petition receipt number begins with "EAC"	Send supporting documentation to:
	Vermont Service Center
	ATTN: TPS
	75 Lower Welden Street
	St. Albans, VT 05479